

Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua & Siuslaw Indians



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Tribal Leaders Travel to Washington

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By Bob Garcia

Confederated Tribal Chairman, Ron Brainard, Vice Chair, Bob Garcia, along with Tribal Administrator, Francis Somday traveled to Washington DC to meet with officials of the Forest Service and the BIA. We needed to establish a dialogue with the government departments and officials that will be commenting on our Forest Restoration Plan. Until the bill is introduced, both the Forest Service and the BIA are not allowed to make any official statements regarding our bill, although we have had numerous unofficial discussions over the nine years this bill has been incubating.

Now that the bill has been introduced in the Senate, thanks to Gordon Smith, it has been assigned to the Indian Affairs Committee and will be put on a schedule for hearings. Written testimony will be solicited from the Forest Service as to the impact our bill will have on them. Office of Management and Budget will be asked to comment on what fiscal impact our bill will have. We

have met with many Siuslaw National Forest officials, as well as, Ron Kortlever and Stan Speaks of the BIA over these last nine years; now we are informing the Forest Service and BIA at the Washington level. The local support that we have garnered from county commissioners, state senators, city councils, and concerned citizens will be critical to achieving a positive report from the affected government agencies. The introduction of our bill is the culmination of one process, but only the beginning of another. We need to redouble our efforts on all fronts to show the groundswell of support that we have for this bill.

Tribal officials are anticipating that hearings will be scheduled on the bill in the next few months. Testimony will probably be solicited from local citizens, local governments, timber and environmental interests. "We need to caution tribal members that we are beginning a new process," said Tribal Chairman Ron Brainard. "We have worked

hard to get this bill introduced, and now we need to work twice as hard to get it passed. Keep those cards and letters of support coming!"

LEADERS MEET WITH CONGRESSMAN DEFAZIO

Chairman Ron Brainard and I met briefly with Congressman Peter DeFazio on April 9th in his Washington DC office. We went there to inform him that Senator Gordon Smith was planning to introduce our Forest Restoration Plan bill into the Senate, and to ask him for his support. Tribal members and leaders have been working with Congressman DeFazio and his office for over nine years on our Forest Restoration proposal, and we have done everything Congressman DeFazio and his staff have asked. We anticipate a constructive dialogue with the Congressman when the bill makes its way from the Senate to the House.

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TRIBAL COUNCIL

Tribal Chief

- James Lott, Sr.

Position #1 Council

- Cheryl Hoile

Position #2 Council

-Carolyn Slyter

Position #3 Council

- Michael Swigert

Position #4 Council

- Ron Brainard (Chairman)

Position #5 Council

- Danny Krossman

Position #6 Council

- Robert Garcia (Vice-Chair)

MAY EVENTS

♦ Elder's Luncheon

Each Wednesday - Noon Tribal Hall

♦ Circle of Women

Each Monday at 12:00 in the Tribal Annex

♦ Feather Dance Introduction

Saturday, May 10, 2003, 2:00 pm

Regular Council Meeting

NOTE: The Council meeting originally scheduled on May 11, 2003 has been moved forward to May 18, 2003 due to Mothers Day.

COMMITTEE CONTACTS

- **Child Protection Team**
Dr. Lorre Lewis
- **Cultural Committee**
Jonathon Wymer, Chairman
- **Education Committee**
Carolyn Slyter, Chair
- **Election Board**
Bob Barrett, Chair
- **Enrollment Committee**
Sue Olson, Chair (Acting)
- **Housing Committee**
Bud Ingersoll, Chair
- **Housing Improvement Program (HIP)**
Arleen Perkins, Chair
- **Tribal Health Board**
Billie Lewis, Chair

Place:

Tribal Hall

338 Wallace St

Coos Bay, OR

Date:

May 18, 2003

Time:

10:00 AM

Agenda:

- 1) Call to order
- 2) Invocation
- 3) Approval of
Council Meeting Minutes
- 4) Old Business
- 5) New Business
- 6) Other
- 7) Good of Tribes
- 8) Executive Session,
if needed

NOTICE TO ALL VETERANS PAST AND PRESENT

We would like pictures and names of all present and past Tribal Member Veterans. This information will be used to create a "Veterans Wall" in honor of these men and women.

Please send the names, pictures, and information to:
Confederated Tribes of Coos Lower
Umpqua & Siuslaw Indians
Attn: Arleen Perkins
1245 Fulton Avenue
Coos Bay, Oregon 97420.

ATTENTION ELDERS! YOU'RE INVITED!

Warm Springs will be hosting an Elders Honor Day. This event will take place in Warm Springs during the month of May.

If any of you would like to attend, please call Dr. Lewis at (541) 888-7512.

If you would like to receive the minutes of the Tribal Council meetings on a regular basis, please submit a written request with your address to:

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Attn: Eileen King-Council Secretary
1245 Fulton Ave
Coos Bay, OR 97420

Health & Human Service Presents 2003 Events List

Tribal Health Fair

May 31 10 am to 2 pm
Coquille Community Health Center

Lincoln County Fair

July 17th-20th
Lincoln County Fair Grounds-Newport

Family Camp

July 18, 19, & 20
Big K Ranch in Elkton, OR

Coos County Fair

July 22nd-26th
Coos County Fair Grounds-Myrtle Point

Curry County Fair

July 24th-27th
Curry County Fair Grounds-Gold Beach

Douglas County Fair

August 5th-9th
Douglas County Fair Grounds & Speedway Roseburg

Lane County Fair

August 12th-17th
Lane County Fair Grounds-Eugene

Youth Camp Myrtlewood

August 17th-23rd
Camp Myrtlewood in Bridge, OR

Oregon State Fair

August 21st-September 1st
Oregon State Fair & Expo Center-Salem

For more information or registration call the Health and Human Services Representative in your local area.

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Tribal Leaders Travel to Washington

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LEADERS MEET WITH RON WYDEN

Another productive meeting in Washington was in the office of Senator Ron Wyden. We went to Senator Wyden's office to ask him for his support of our Forest Restoration Plan bill, and to inform him that Senator Gordon Smith was ready to introduce the legislation. At the meeting Senator Wyden told us, "I support the Confederated Tribes becoming a landed tribe," and he stated that he was anxious to review the comments during the hearing process.

Tribal leaders have been working with Senator Wyden and his office since he entered the Senate approximately 7 years ago. (He was a U. S. Congressman for 15 years before being elected to the Senate.)

SENATOR SMITH INTRODUCES CONFEDERATED TRIBES FOREST RESTORATION BILL

On April 10th Oregon Senator, Gordon Smith, introduced bill number S868 that will return more than 62,000 acres of Siuslaw National Forest to the Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Indians. When this bill passes Congress and is signed into law by the President it will finally let the Confederated Tribes join with the rest of the Oregon Tribes as a landed tribe. Our Aboriginal territory of 1.6 million acres

was illegally taken, and the treaty our ancestors signed in good faith was lost and ignored. We thank Gordon Smith from the bottom of our hearts for having the moral strength of character and resolve to introduce legislation to right this wrong for a tiny tribe of 700 members. Senator Smith is demonstrating the kind of leadership that is in such short supply in Washington these days.

The Bill will allow the Tribes to manage the Forest in a manner consistent with adjacent federal lands; requires the Tribes to put 20% of any revenues earned on the land into watershed restoration, and will be under the umbrella protection of the Endangered Species Act. Currently, the northern spotted owl, marbled murrelet, and Coho salmon are endangered species whose habitat is within the proposed forest. The Tribes would be required to consult with the Forest Service and BIA to come up with a forest management plan within two years. The main potential source of revenue from the Forest would come from thinning some 22,000 acres of tree plantations that are classified Late Successional Reserve. These have not been thinned in over forty years and could pose a potential catastrophic fire danger if left unthinned. A fire could decimate the endangered species that we hope to protect.

The tribe would also

have the authority to protect the significant cultural and sacred sites that are within the forest. Spruce roots, cedar bark, camas bulbs, are among the traditional resources that the Tribes would have the ability to protect. We would have the ability to use the forest as an educational tool for our youth and the public at large. There is less than 3000 acres of old growth in the entire 62,865-acre area. Most of that is in the Kentucky Falls special interest area.

The Tribes have been meeting with concerned interest groups for over nine years in the development phase of the Forest Restoration Proposal. We have agreed to not build a sawmill on the proposed land, guarantee the general public that their hunting and fishing rights would remain the same, and that the forest would remain open to visitors so that the public would realize almost no change from Forest Service to tribal management. We have given up some elements of Tribal sovereignty in order to garner support from as broad a base of constituents as possible. We hope that this means that our bill moves swiftly through the halls of Congress and into the realm of public law.

You may see a map of our ancestral territory with the proposed Forest Restoration on our web site at www.ctclusi.org.

RESOLUTIONS PASSED

♦ **Resolution # 03-021**

Date Passed: 04/13/03

Subject: *Enrollment of New Members (11)*

♦ **Resolution # 03-022**

Date Passed: 04/13/03

Subject: *Child Abuse Prevention Month*



♦ **Resolution # 03-023**

Date Passed: 04/13/03

Subject: *National Women's Health Week*

CONGRATULATIONS

TO THE 2003 ELECTED COUNCIL MEMBERS:

- ♦ **Position #1: Cheryl A. Hoile**
- ♦ **Position #3: Michael Swigert**
- ♦ **Position #5: Danny Krossman**

DON'T WAIT FOR WINTER!

PLACE YOUR ORDER FOR FIREWOOD NOW AT ANY OF THE OUTREACH OFFICES.

Constance in Coos Bay:	541-888-9577
Pamela or Doug in Florence:	541-997-6685
Many in Springfield:	541-744-1334

INTRODUCTION TO THE FEATHER DANCE

The Culture Committee is proud to offer an introductory class for Tribal members and Spouses interested in joining the feather dance team. No prior knowledge is needed and you don't need to know how to dance. This is the first dance practice of a series we will be offering monthly. Please come even if you are just curious. For more information call Sara Wymer, Culture Committee secretary, (541) 756-7500.

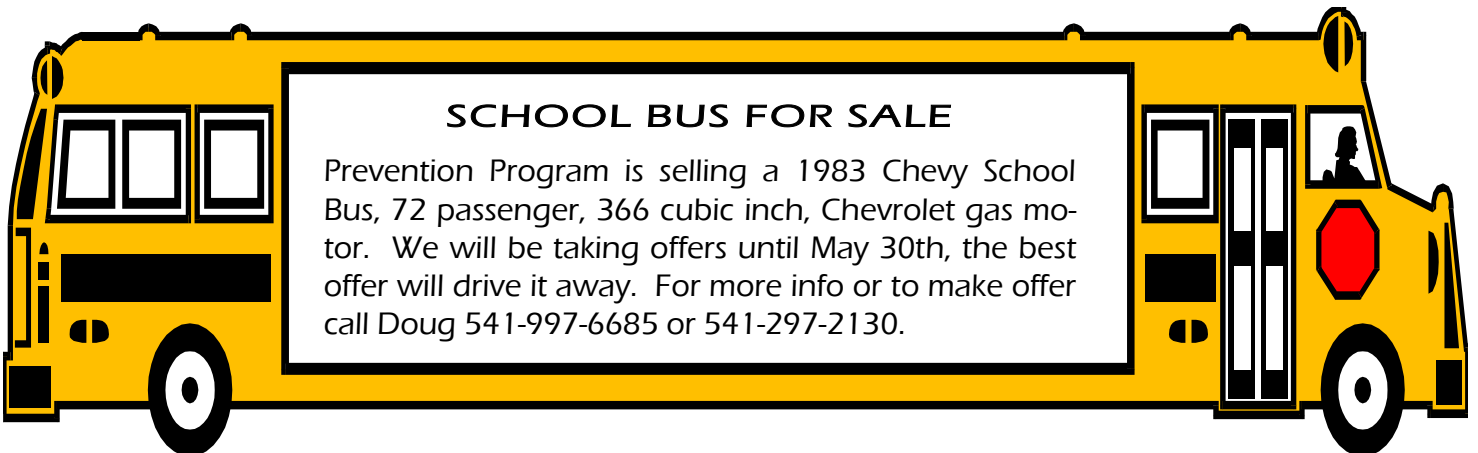
Saturday May 10, 2003

Tribal Hall

2:00 pm

SCHOOL BUS FOR SALE

Prevention Program is selling a 1983 Chevy School Bus, 72 passenger, 366 cubic inch, Chevrolet gas motor. We will be taking offers until May 30th, the best offer will drive it away. For more info or to make offer call Doug 541-997-6685 or 541-297-2130.





SALMON CAMP RESEARCH TEAM

SALMON CAMP

Natural Resource Career Training Programs for
Native American High School Students

One Week Science and natural Resource Camps
For Native American Middle School Students

Three Week Programs for ages 15-18

Session I: August 17-22, 2003
(for ages 13-15 years)

Session 1: June 15-July 3, 2003
(Hancock Field Station, Fossil, OR)

Session II: August 24-29, 2003
(for ages 10-12)

Session 2: July 6-July 24, 2003
(Redwoods National Park, CA)

Session 3: July 27-August 14, 2003
(San Juan Island, WA)

Ten students will be selected to participate at no cost. Information and applications are available at CLUSIT Administration Building, or call Ben Muir, Salmon Camp Coordinator at 541-763-4691

Are you, or do you know, a middle school student who is interested in the traditional role of Salmon in Northwest Native American cultures? Salmon Camp is offered free of charge to 25 participants in each session. Information and applications are available at CLUSIT Administration Building, or call Ben Muir, Salmon Camp Coordinator at 541-763-4691

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF OUR HOMEOWNERS!!

Your Tribal Housing Department has some good news and some bad news about the Down Payment Assistance Program. First the good news; we are preparing our fifteenth (15th) down payment assistance to a Tribal family. Fourteen other Tribal families have received assistance and have purchased their homes under this program.

The current family has just completed their First Time Home Buyer's class, and is currently shopping for the best mortgage package and a new home of their own. It is an exciting time for them and for the Tribes.

Your housing department staff is proud to be able to have helped these fifteen Tribal families realize their personal dream of homeownership, and we continue to develop more ways to help more families with their housing needs. Now the Bad news; our funds for this program are temporarily depleted, and we will not be able to fund any more down payments for several months. We anticipate the Down Payment program will be back sometime this summer, and we will notify everyone as soon as this happens. We should also mention that the program requirements and benefits would evolve into a new program.

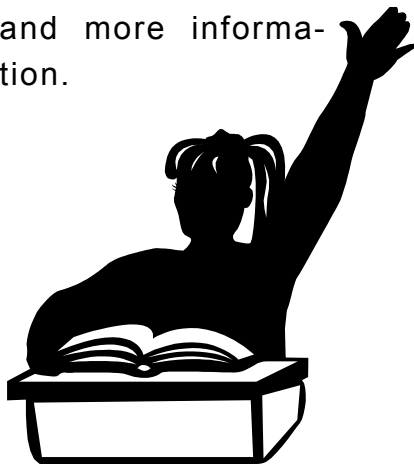
We do not know what the changes will be, but we are polling all other Oregon Tribes about their down payment assistance programs and looking into some creative alternatives that will open home ownership up to even more Tribal members. If you have any questions, please contact us. And again, lets congratulate those fifteen families and their major accomplishment.

EDUCATION & EMPLOYMENT DEPARTMENT

From Ellen, Hansen, Education & Employment Director

It's Summer School Time!

Once again your education department will be offering summer school in Coos Bay, Florence and Springfield. The dates this year will be July 1st through August 1st. Summer school will be held Monday through Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and all students who participate without missing any days will be rewarded with a trip to the County fair. Please watch your mailbox for sign-up forms and more information.



Oregon Native American Business Network

Are you interested in starting your own business? The education/employment program would like to help you by offering classes at the Springfield Outreach Office. The instructor for these classes will be provided by ONABEN (an Oregon Native American Business Network), which is located in Portland, Oregon. If we can get a minimum of five (5) adult Tribal members who want to participate, we can get a class going. Class would meet one night a week for ten weeks. You will learn how to write a business plan and receive help in finding special funding sources. Cost per person is \$100.00, which can be covered by

employment program for Tribal members. If you are interested please call Ellen at 1-866-744-9300 (toll free) or locally, 744-9300.



HEY KIDS! Want to go to Wildlife Safari?

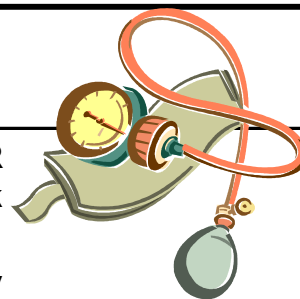
The Johnson O'Malley program will be sponsoring a trip to Winston, Oregon and the Wildlife Safari on May 24th. Watch your mailbox for more information and sign-up deadlines.

THANK YOU DR. LEWIS!

A special "THANKS" to Dr. Lorre Lewis from the Tribal Human Services Department for co-sponsoring last month's JOM activity. More than fifty kids participated in horseback riding at C & M Stables. Dr. Lewis' program also provided the students with horse and riding safety tips. The education department and the students really appreciated your involvement.

SAVING STROKE VICTIMS

Submitted by Constance Barton, Outreach Representative

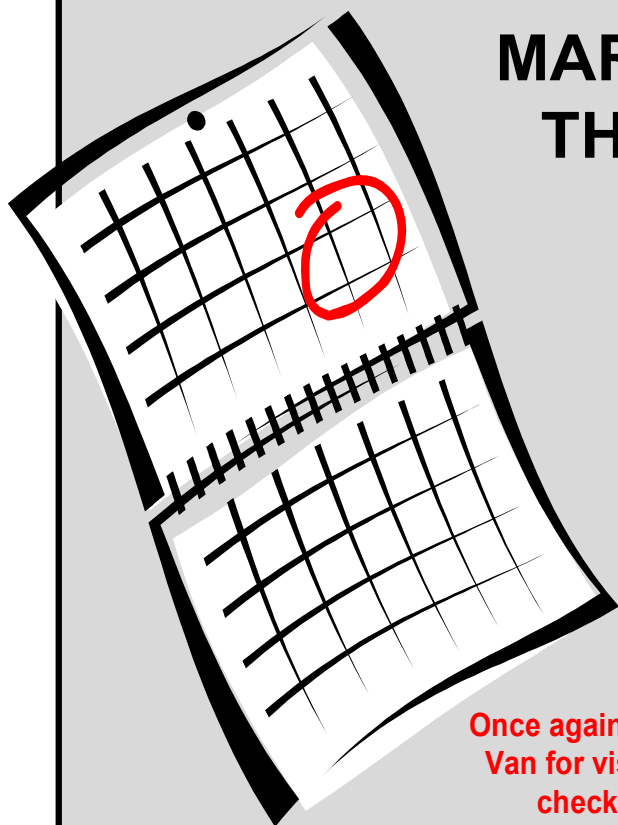


Here's a potential life-saving technique to add to CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation) and the Heimlich maneuver: a quick test to determine if someone is having a stroke.

A study recently found that untrained volunteers can accurately assess arm weakness based on a patient's ability to raise his or her arms overhead and keep them there, detect speech deficits and spot facial weakness based on a patient's smile. These symptoms can mean a stroke and require emergency medical attention. Other tell-tale signs are numbness on one side of the body or drooping on one side of the face.

The researchers who conducted the study said the ability of the bystanders to correctly describe and relay results of the one-minute test to 9-1-1 dispatchers could help speed disability-limiting treatment to stroke patients. The results were presented at a recent meeting of the American Stroke Association, a division of the American Heart Association.

Taken from Dr. Andrew Weil's Weekly Wellness Bulletin of April 15, 2003, unedited.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THESE UPCOMING EVENTS!

Watch for flyers:

May 10th - 1:00 to 5:00

SANDLAND ADVENTURES IN FLORENCE

Bumper Boats, Go Karts, Miniature Golf and Dune Buggy Rides.

May 31st - 10:00 to 2:00

HEATH EXPO

at the Coquille Community Center

Once again the Tribes are collaborating to bring you the Lion's Screening Van for vision, hearing, blood pressure, blood glucose, and cholesterol checks. There will be a great lunch, prizes and health education

July 18-20

FAMILY CAMP AT THE BIG K RANCH

This will be the 2nd year for this event and will feature great food, games, prizes, education, and fun with family and friends.

Recruiting Child Protection Team Members

Submitted by Tom Long

The Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Indians recognize that their children are one of the most valuable resources. In accordance with that belief, the Child Protection Team protects the best interest of Tribal children and promotes the stability and security of the Tribe.

The goals of the Child Protection Team are:

To implement Tribal standards established by the Tribal Council for the removal of Tribal children from their families in which abuse/neglect occur.

To provide recommendations for the placement of abused and/or neglected Tribal children in foster or adoptive homes which reflect the unique values of tribal culture.

To make recommendations for short and/or long term goals for any case of Tribal child abuse/neglect which falls under the jurisdiction of Child Welfare Services (CWS).

If you are interested in joining a committed team of volunteers, in assisting Tribal children and families, in learning about the Indian Child Welfare Act, and attending trainings that will increase your understanding of the challenges of raising children in today's world.... please call Tom Long at 888-7514 or, Lorre Lewis at 888-7512.

WOMENS CIRCLE GATHERING WEEKLY

Submitted by Marsha DeCaires

Our Monday Women's Healing Circle (held at noon in the Tribal Hall Annex Building) has had several fun events. Amy Levin, a local yoga instructor, taught us stress relieving stretches and relaxation techniques. Dr. Cavannan, an Herbalist from Bandon, spoke to us regarding the use of herbs and the many benefits of eating healthy foods. In the future, Amy will return to teach more yoga. We are considering a regular evening class at Amy's studio in Coos Bay. If you are interested in doing this, please call Marsha DeCaires at 888-7513 for more information.

Dianne from Ordway's Nursery is coming April 21st and 28th to talk about creating sanctuary garden spaces. We are hoping to get a small project going in the annex area for everyone to enjoy. We will be going to the Springfield Outreach Office on April 25th. Heather Thompson will prepare "wild foods" and drinks for us and demonstrate how to gather and cook "wild foods." It should be interesting and fun! Bring a friend and join us!

On May 5th, Louise Cackowski, who has her Masters in dance therapy, will demonstrate dance therapy

techniques.

If you need transportation or childcare, please call Marsha DeCaires 541-888-7513 or 1-888-280-0726 to make arrangements.



Tribal Court Summons Jurors!

Tribal Chief Judge Don Owen Costello is encouraged by the enthusiastic response to the jury service summons recently sent to tribal members randomly selected for tribal court jury duty.

Of the 100 jurors receiving summons, 60 will be randomly selected for possible jury service this year, 30 for the period ending June 30 and another group of 30 for the remainder of the year. Generally, requests due to permanent conditions will be reviewed soon, while those for time conflicts will be considered when the need for a jury arises.

Jurors will be timely notified of selection or excusal. The judge notes that the likelihood of serving this year is minimal. Although the tribe's court has been open since May 2002, no cases have been filed and it generally takes several months for a case to proceed to trial.

Since tribal court opened the judge and court clerk have kept busy setting up the tribal justice system by learning from the community, making tribal law accessible at local libraries and on the Internet, creating procedures and protocols, developing justice services that meet unique tribal needs, educating tribal, local and statewide communities about the court, enhancing skills required for serving this community's needs, networking with other tribal courts, and attending training seminars, such as those required by the Bureau of Justice, provider of grant funds for court enhancement.

Judge Costello noted that the Tribes' decision to form a court system is an important signal of sovereignty and reflects tribal acceptance of responsibility for settling conflict under tribal law and values.

Serving on jury duty is a responsibility of being an adult

member of the tribal community and an important duty. To avoid sanction for non-compliance, those who have not yet responded to the jury summons by returning their jury questionnaires should do so immediately, Judge Costello said.

Those with questions and concerns may contact tribal court clerk, Maxene Grabe, Monday through Thursday between 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. Telephone numbers are 888-9577 extension 4553 or 1-888-280-0726 (toll-free).



Energy Conservation Auxiliary Programs

From Scott Hansen, Weatherization Coordinator

Now that the warm weather has diminished our home heating concerns we can focus on base load savings. Replacing refrigerators that are ten years old will save over \$55 or more based on Energy Star ratings. Check your hot water temperature. It should be around 120 degrees for energy conservation and safety. Are you replacing your burned out light bulbs with compact fluorescent light bulbs? Interested in more energy saving tips please contact your local utility or Scott Hansen for pamphlets that will help your budget while conserving energy.

Are you interested in energy saving ideas but can't afford these measures? There may be a community action program to help replace that old refrigerator and get compact fluorescent light bulbs. These programs do follow low income guidelines and may be limited in your area. For more information regarding these and other energy programs please contact your local Community Action Agency or Scott Hansen.



April 2003

Gloria Kearns Dowdy was chosen Elder of the month for April. Gloria and her husband Phil have a daughter, Diane, and a son, Dennis, who has given them a grandson and granddaughter. Gloria retired from a medical office last year, allowing her time to spend with her family – her favorite pastime.

Gloria thoroughly enjoys decorating both the inside and outside of their home in Springfield. Their home and yard both look like the pictures in House Beautiful.

Gloria is learning to bead and just in the last few months has made a leather dress and leggings. She is starting her moccasins and beaded collar.

It has been wonderful having both Gloria and Phil attend more and more of our Elder activities. They are a delightful addition to our ever-growing "Tribal Elder Family."



Gloria Dowdy

Elder of the Month

May 2003



Elaine Allison

Elaine grew up mainly in the Springfield-Eugene area, but also lived in towns ranging from Northern California to Lane County because her Father worked in construction.

Elaine worked in retail starting with Payless for eight years, followed by working at Montgomery Wards for 20 years. Working many evening and weekend hours in retail, left Elaine little time to devote to working with the Tribes. She has, however, attended more functions in the last few years and hopes to increase her participation.

Elaine currently lives in Cougar, Washington, but travels quite often to Eugene to visit and spend time with her three children and 13 grandchildren. Her favorite pastime is family, closely followed with making crafts from natural materials. Elaine enjoys the outdoors, feeding the birds and squirrels, and watching deer and elk roam. Elaine has been learning many new crafts and likes working outside, growing a beautiful flower garden.

We have always enjoyed the time Elaine and her husband have been able to spend with us and look forward to them attending more gatherings.

SOFT DRINK TOOTH DECAY

Soft Drinks and Bad Teeth

How many cans of soda pop do you drink in a day? Most adults answer "One or more" and it is not uncommon to find children drinking more than four cans per day! Consider this with the new trend in "super sizing" our meal and snacks and it becomes obvious that we are bathing our teeth in enormous amounts of liquid sugar and acid every day.

You may have switched to diet soda to avoid the sugar, but diet



drinks are also very high in their acid content, and are just as harmful to your teeth as pop with sugar!

We invite you to spend a few minutes reading this article to learn how to protect yourself and your loved ones from this growing cause of tooth decay.

Tooth Decay and Soft Drinks

All tooth decay is caused by acid breaking down the hard enamel which protects our teeth. Normally the acid is produced by bacteria that reattach themselves to our

teeth each day. The bacteria convert the sugar (any carbohydrate) you put in your mouth into acid, which attacks the enamel. Brushing, flossing and the use of fluoride can prevent this type of decay. **SOFT DRINK TOOTH DECAY IS DIFFERENT.** All soft drinks contain enough acid to damage the enamel, even if they don't contain sugar. Bacteria does not have to be present to produce the acid. Brushing and flossing alone do not provide protection from this acid attack.

The best protection from this type of decay is to reduce your exposure time to this harmful acid bath.

Exposure Time

From the very first sip you take, the acid starts to work on the enamel of your teeth. This acid attack lasts from the **FIRST SIP UNTIL 20 MINUTES AFTER THE LAST SWALLOW.** This is called the "Exposure Time" and is the most important factor in causing decay.

If you sip on one small pop for 30 minutes, you have 50 minutes of exposure time.

If you gulp down one jumbo size pop in 5 minutes, you have 25 minutes of exposure time.

It is not the amount of pop you drink, it is the number of minutes you have the acid in your mouth that is important.

To prevent soft drink tooth decay, you must reduce the amount of time the acid is in contact with your teeth.

How much exposure time have you and your family had today?

Prevention

- ◆ Limit the amount of soda and other sugary or high acid drinks, especially when wearing retainers, braces or partials.
- ◆ Drink water between meals instead of high sugar or acid drinks.
- ◆ Use a fluoride rinse on a daily basis to harden tooth enamel.
- ◆ If you do have a pop or other acidic drink it quickly and rinse with water when you are done.
- ◆ Have soft drinks with your meal, if you wish. The saliva and abrasiveness of the food you are chewing minimizes the effect of the acid.

What Drinks are bad for my teeth?

Any drink that contains one or more of the following ingredients is not a good choice for drinking between meals. To prevent soft drink tooth decay, limit your consumption to mealtimes and reduce your exposure time between meals.

INGREDIENTS TO AVOID:

Citric Acid
Malic Acid
Phosphoric Acid
High Fructose Corn Syrup
Sugar

This important information courtesy of the Southwest Oregon Dental Hygiene Society

Tribal Member Serves in Iraq

Tribal member, Captain W. Bradley Brainard is currently serving in Iraq. Bradley is a Squadron Commander of the Security Forces in the United States Air Force, and was deployed to Iraq in early March from his home air base in Mildenhall, England. Bradley commands approximately 200 troops who specialize in protecting air bases and military personnel.

Bradley is the son of Tribal Elder, Warren Brainard and his wife Marjene, who reside in the Eugene/Springfield area. Bradley's wife, Kelley Brainard and their children Garrett and Courtney reside just outside Mildenhall and wait for Bradley's safe return.

Over the past twelve years Bradley has earned many military awards and honors, earned his Bachelors Degree and continues to work toward his Masters Degree, and is a devoted father to his two children.

Bradley enlisted in 1991 during Desert Storm. He was first stationed at Hickam AFB in Hawaii. While in Hawaii, his performance earned him numerous quarterly, and annual awards. He ended his tour by earning Airman of the Year for all of the Pacific Air Force Bases, competing against thousands of other Airmen. During the five years he was stationed at Hickam, he went to school on nights and weekends, to earn his Bachelors Degree in Law Enforcement. After receiving his degree, Bradley applied to Officers Training School and was accepted.

In 1996, Bradley was commissioned as an Officer, and transferred to Malmstrom AFB, in Montana. Upon arriving, he immediately started work on his Masters Degree in Public Administration. Bradley's squadron received many awards for their work in the Missile Field, and he personally won various quarterly, and annual awards. While at Malmstrom AFB, the Discovery Channel produced a video about the Missile Field, and the security forces that protect them. Bradley appeared several times in the program with his troops.

In 1998 Bradley transferred to Travis AFB, in California. He was the Training Officer for the Security Forces Squadron. Besides winning quarterly and annual awards, Bradley was awarded the Billy Jack Carter Award for valor and bravery. This annual national honor is awarded to only one member of the Air Force.

Bradley also competed with at least 500 other Captains for a slot in the Air Force Intern Program at the Pentagon. Once again his impeccable record earned him the spot.

Bradley arrived in Washington D.C. in June of 2001, for a one year Internship at the Pentagon. Normally he spent the entire day inside the Pentagon, however on September 11, when terrorists crashed a plane into the Pentagon, he was away from the office at another meeting site not far from the Pentagon. Bradley spent the remainder of his internship in the War Room, and in antiterrorism. After completing his internship, he transferred to Mildenhall Royal AFB, in England.

Bradley is now just a few classes shy of his Masters Degree. At Mildenhall, he assumed the position of Operations Officer for the Security Forces Squadron. After just six months, he received the Company Grade Officer of the Year Award. In February 2003, Bradley was called up to join in Operation Iraqi Freedom, and left his family in early March to begin his tour, which will likely last for 200+ days.

Thank you for your continued support and prayers for tribal members proudly serving our country in the military forces.

New Faces at the Outreach Offices



Jonquil Fisher



Rebecca Reeves

As part of the Job Shadow Program these two Tribal members will receive at least six months of on-the-job training in the field of clerical support. Upon successful completion, each candidate receives a certificate and will be able to go into the job market with skills that otherwise may not be obtainable. They will also have the opportunity to work with other staff and Tribal members to learn how their government and administration operate.

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